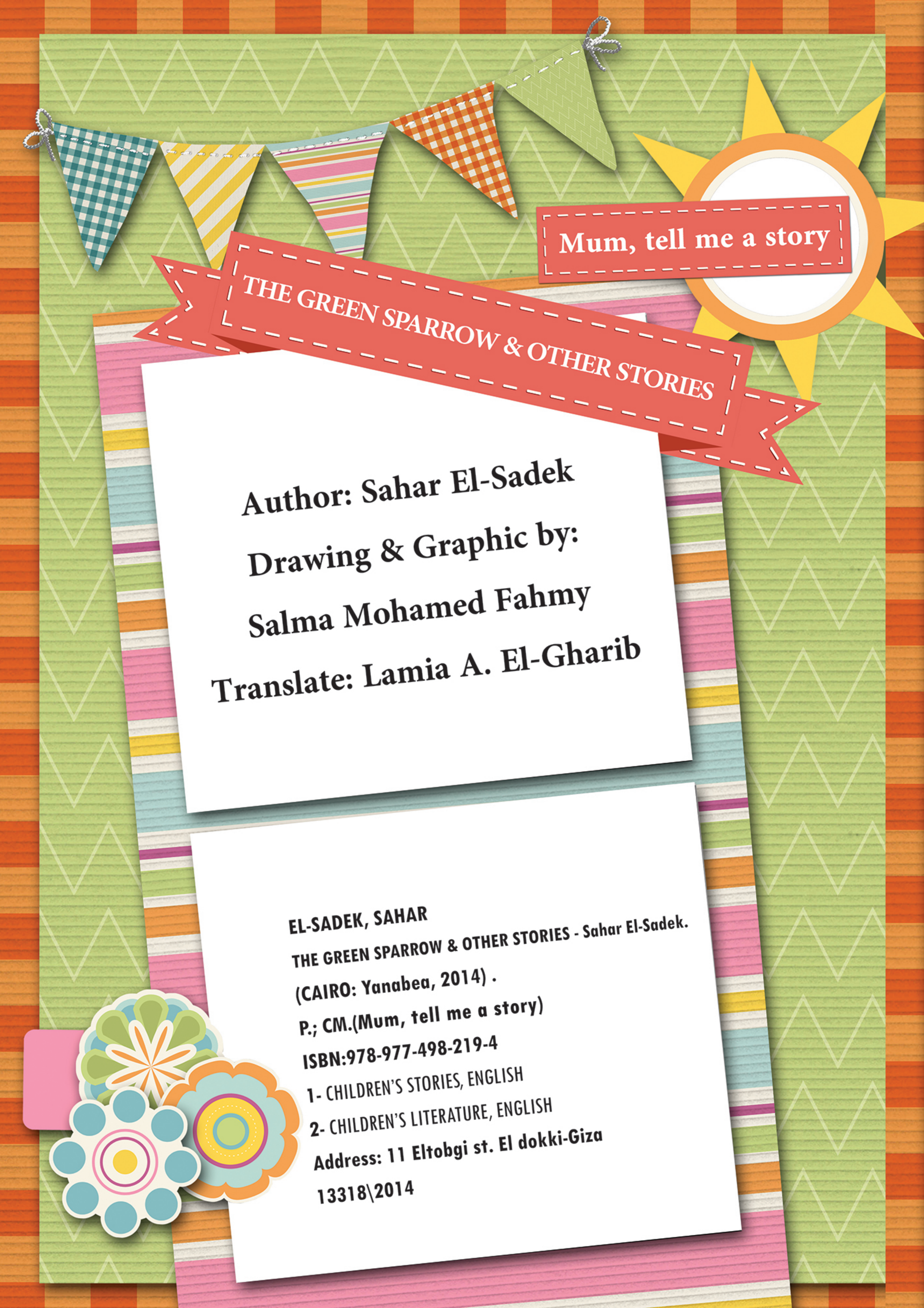


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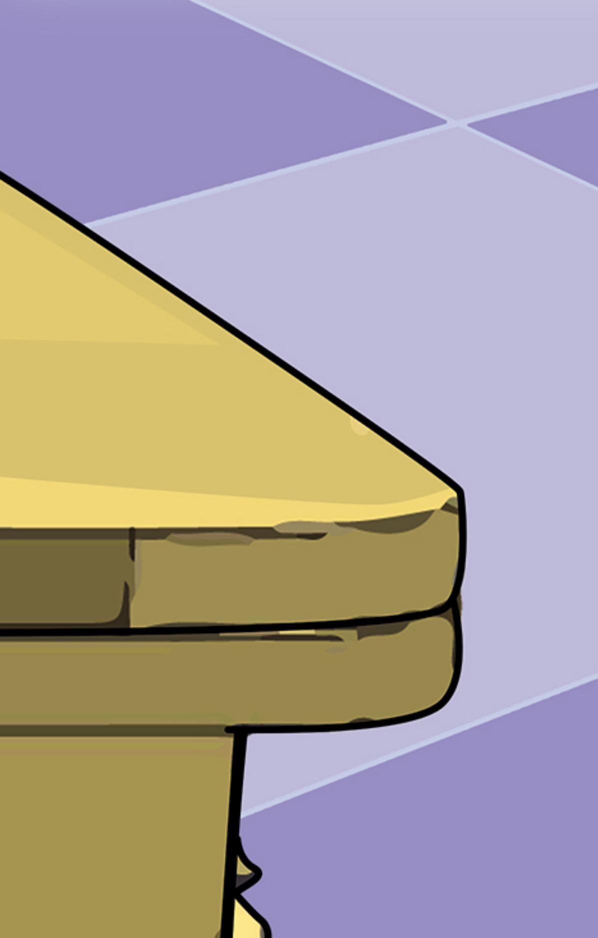
The Princess And The Monkey

The princess was sitting alone in the garden of her palace. She had no friends because she treated all people badly and made fun of them. One day, she got bored so she went out of the palace without telling anybody. She went to the forest. There, she found little monkey. She kept bothering the monkey and pulling his tail. The princess was laughing and making fun of the monkey. The monkey was crying out loudly. All the other monkeys heard him. They came quickly to help him. They surrounded the princess. They were very angry. The princess was very afraid. She ran quickly until she fell down. Her face and clothes were stained with mud. She cried and called out for help. Her father was looking for her with his soldiers. He hurried to her and saved her. He was very angry with her. She apologized to him and promised to be a good girl.



The Beautiful Princess

The young princess didn't like washing her face or combing her hair. Everybody called her 'the ugly princess' but she didn't care. Her parents were angry with her and they didn't talk to her as a punishment. One day, she was sitting alone eating her food. She held out her hand to eat but the dish ran away. He cried, "Don't eat from me. You are ugly." She was frightened and wanted to drink but the glass jumped away, as well. She became angry and went to the garden to play with her cat. It climbed up the tree to escape from her. The princess felt lonely as nobody wanted to talk to her. She felt ashamed of herself and decided to care about herself. She washed her face and combed her hair. So everybody liked her and called her 'the beautiful princess'.

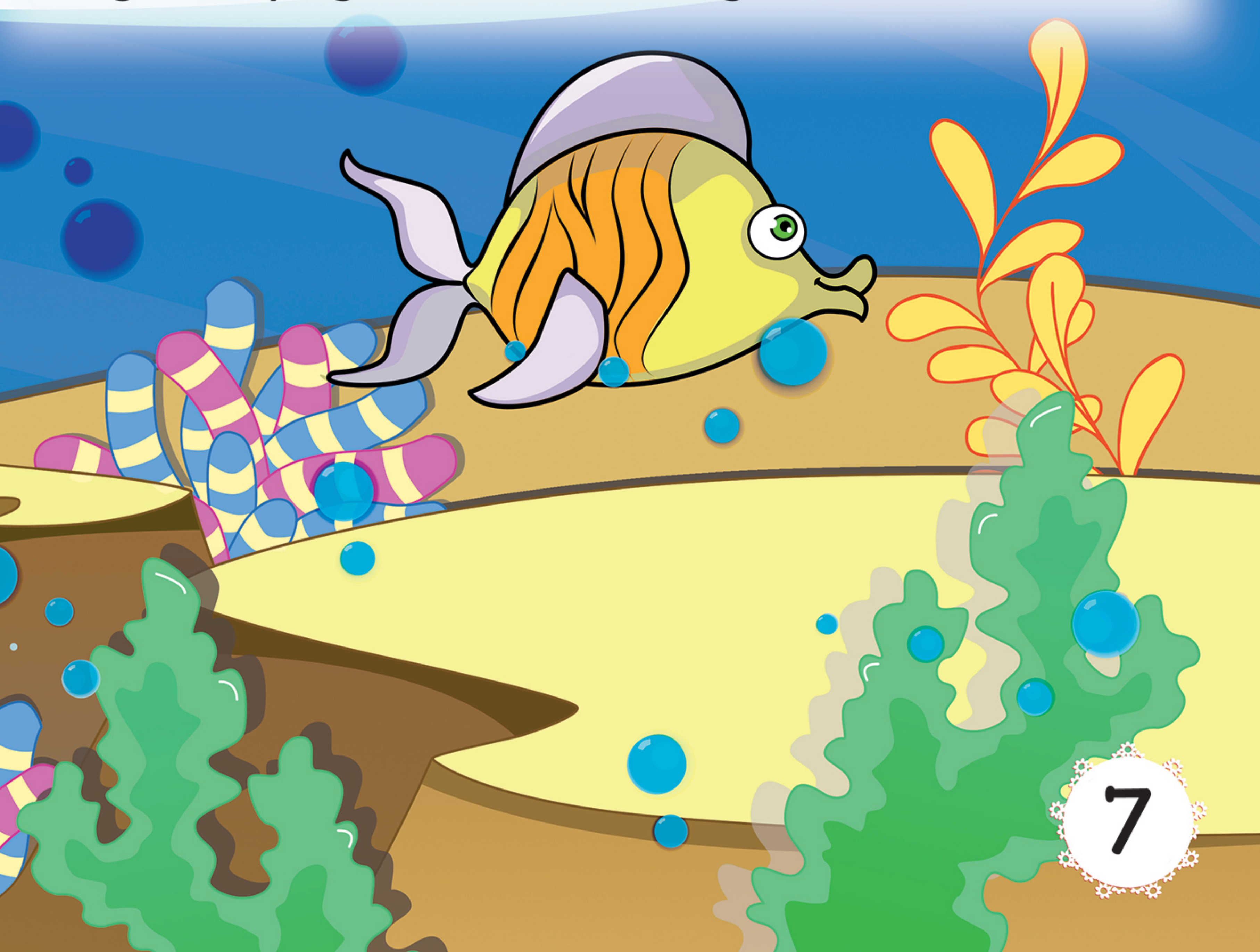


The Young Duck

The young duck was swimming behind her mother when she saw a colored fish. The duck followed the fish without telling her mother. The duck went far away.

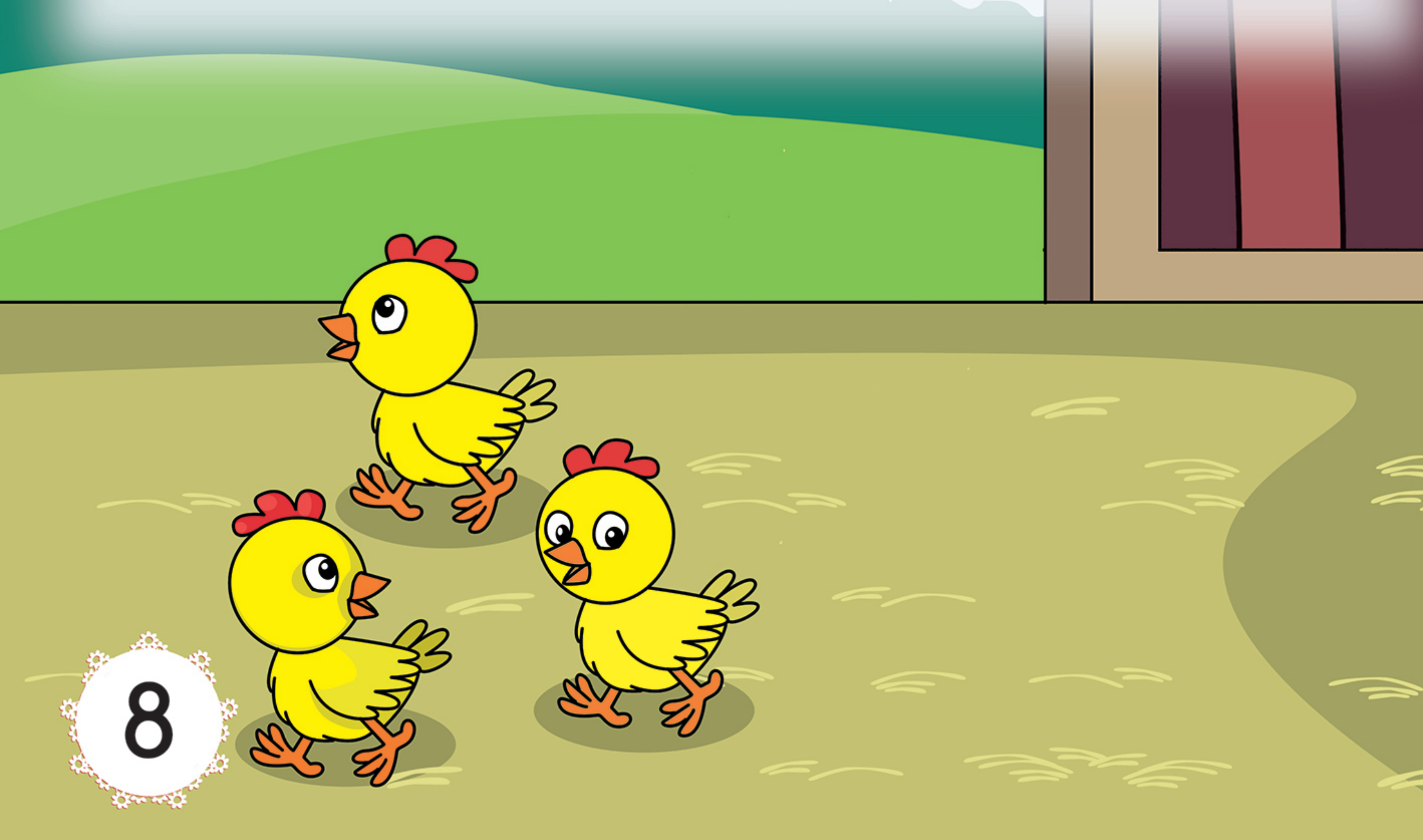


There, on a tall tree, an eagle was watching the young duck. The eagle stretched out his wings and flew towards the duck quickly while opening his peak. The duck cried loudly. She closed her eyes and was very frightened. Suddenly, a flock of ducks came quickly. They surrounded the young duck, stretched out their wings and hid the duck. The eagle flew away angrily. The ducks were happy. They took the young duck back to her mother who was looking for her sadly. The young duck ran to her mother, she cried and promised her mother not to go away again without telling her.



The Fox And The Hen

Every night, the fox used to sneak into the farm to steal the eggs of the birds and their chicks. The birds were not able to prevent him because they were weak and he was strong and fast. They birds couldn't do anything except crying. The smart hen asked them to cooperate together to get rid of him and save their chicks. She explained her plan to them. She asked them all to hide. When the fox came, He found the eggs and the chicks alone. He was very happy. The fox was about to steal the eggs and the chicks when the cock cried out loudly. All the birds came quickly. They all attacked the fox and beat him harshly. The fox cried and escaped quickly. He never came back again. All the birds were happy. They were no longer worried about their chicks.

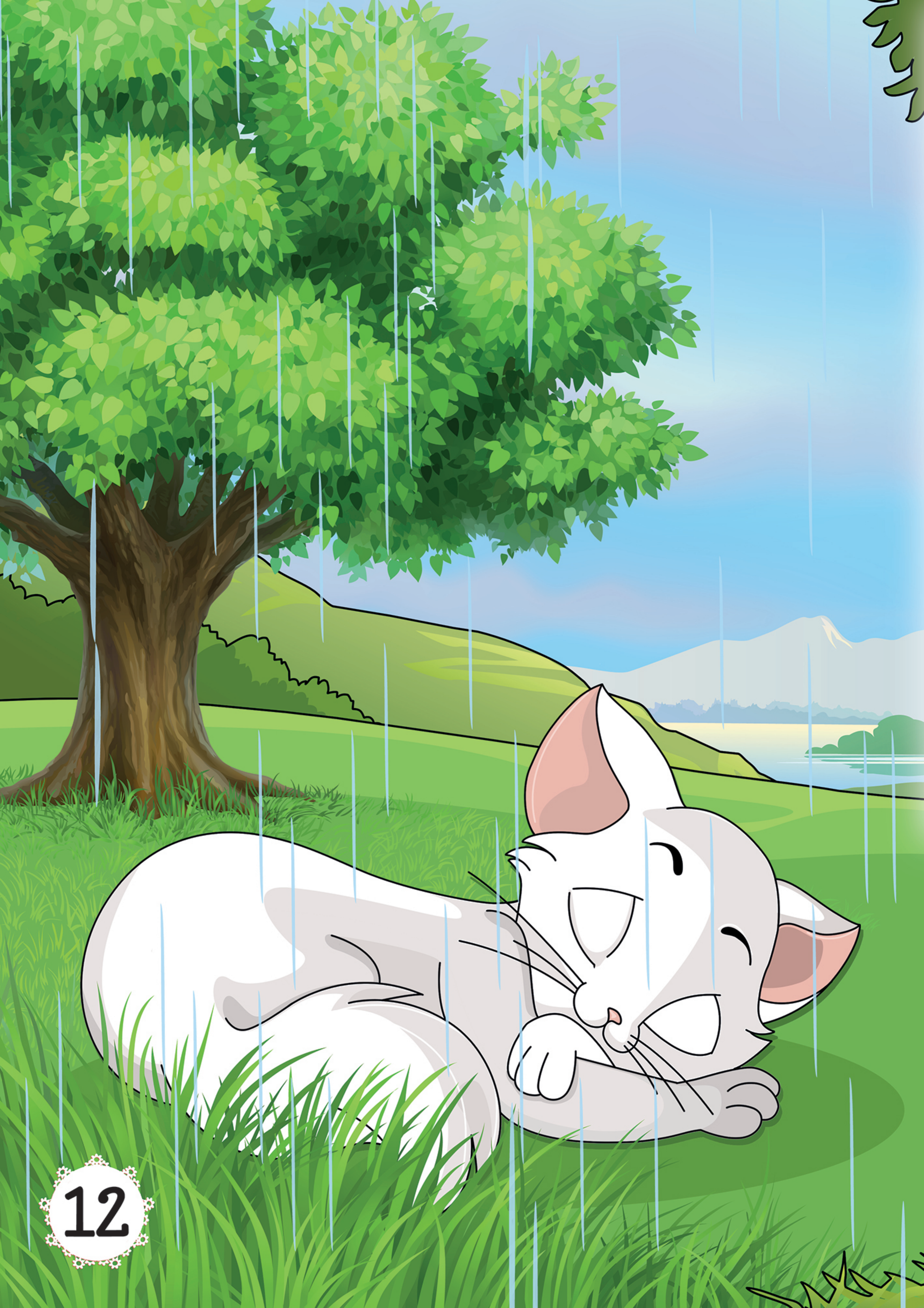






The Green Bird

The green bird had a sweet voice. The tree invited him to come and sing on her. The green bird accepted. He stood singing on the tree and all the birds gathered around him. All the birds liked the green bird except the crow. He was very jealous. He wanted to sing instead of the green bird. He beat the bird, kicked him away and stood in his place singing. A hunter was passing by. He heard the bird singing. He liked his voice and wanted to hunt him. The crow was standing in the place of the green bird so he was caught in the hunter's trap instead of the bird. When the hunter saw the crow, he was very angry. He beat the crow and set him free. The crow flew away crying. All the birds laughed at him. The green bird returned to his place on the tree. He was singing and all the birds were singing happily with him.



The Naughty Kitten

The little kittens were playing together. When their mother called them for food, they all obeyed her except one kitten. The naughty kitten liked playing very much. She didn't like food. She didn't pay attention to her mother's advice that little food would make her weak. One day, while all the kittens were playing and running, the naughty kitten felt very tired. She fell asleep without being noticed by anyone. Suddenly, a big cloud hid the sun behind and rain fell down. All the kittens ran away. The naughty kitten was sleeping so the rain made her wet. She woke up frightened. She ran home quickly trembling from cold and fear. The kitten was ill. She stayed in bed for a long time. She knew her mistake. She became obedient. She ate all her food so she became strong and healthy. Her mother was pleased with her.



The Brave Dog

A kind man was coming back home when he saw a small puppy trembling from hunger and cold. The man pitied him and took him to his house. He took care of the puppy until he got well. The puppy and the man became friends and they never parted. The man's neighbors, always made fun of the puppy because he was small. They told him that he was nothing but a small useless dog. One day, a thief came to rob the people of the village while sleeping. No one noticed him except the puppy. The puppy hid in the darkness. The thief didn't see him. Suddenly, the puppy jumped between the thief's feet. The thief was frightened. He stumbled and fell down. All what he was carrying fell down. The people of the village woke up and caught the thief. They thanked the brave puppy.

Glossary

The princess and the monkey:

Forest: a wide area covered with grass and thick trees, many animals and birds live in it.

The beautiful princess:

Combing one's hair: To use a comb to tidy or arrange one's hair. A comb is a flat piece of plastic or wood with thin row of long narrow parts along one side.

The young duck:

Eagle: a big fast bird. It has strong eye sight and big wings. It hunts different kinds of animals and birds for food.

The fox and the hen:

Farm: a big place for keeping birds such as hens, ducks and geese and animals such as sheep, goats and cows. The owner of the farm takes care of the animals and birds and feeds them.

The green bird:

The hunter's net: something made of strong threads used by the hunter to hunt animals and birds. The hunter holds the end of the net and throws it over the animal to catch it inside it.

The naughty cat:

Clouds: a mass of small drops of water. They have different shapes. When they come together rain falls down.

The brave dog:

Village: place where a group of people live in small houses and work on the fields. They plant crops and keep animals.